



Robert Greene Sterne  
Dorge A. Goldstein  
David K.S. Cornwell  
Robert W. Esmond  
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin  
Michele A. Cimbala  
Michael B. Ray  
Robert E. Sokohl  
Eric K. Steffe  
Michael Q. Lee  
John M. Covert  
Robert C. Millonig  
Donald J. Featherstone  
Timothy J. Shea, Jr  
Michael V. Messinger  
Judith U. Kim  
Jeffrey T. Helvey

Eldora L. Ellison  
Donald R. Banowitz  
Peter A. Jackman  
Brian J. Del Buono  
Mark Fox Evens  
Vincent L. Capuano  
Elizabeth J. Haanes  
Michael D. Specht  
Kevin W. McCabe  
Edward W. Yee  
Virgil Lee Beaton  
Theodore A. Wood  
Joseph S. Ostroff  
Jason D. Eisenberg  
Tracy L. Muller  
Jon E. Wright  
LuAnne M. DeSantis

Ann E. Summerfield  
Helene C. Carlson  
Cynthia M. Bouchez  
Timothy A. Doyle  
Gaby L. Longworth  
Lori A. Gordon  
Laura A. Vogel  
Bryan S. Wade  
Bashir M.S. Ali  
Shannon A. Carroll  
Anbar F. Khal  
Michelle K. Holoubek  
Marsha A. Rose  
Scott A. Schaller  
Lei Zhou  
Young Tang  
Christopher J. Walsh

W. Blake Coblenz\*  
James J. Pohl  
John T. Haran  
Mark W. Rygiel  
Michael R. Malek\*  
Carla Ji-Eun Kim  
Doyle A. Siever\*  
Alexandra K. Pechhold  
C. Matthew Rozier\*  
Robert A. Schwartzman  
Bryan L. Skelton\*  
Ulrike Winkler

Registered Patent Agents\*  
Karen R. Markowicz  
Matthew J. Dowd  
Katrina Yujian Pei Quach  
Julie A. Heider

Mita Mukherjee  
Scott M. Woodhouse  
Peter A. Socarras  
Jeffrey K. Mills  
Danielle L. Letting  
Lori Brandes  
Steven C. Oppenheimer  
Aaron S. Lukas  
Gaurav Asthana

Of Counsel  
Edward J. Kessler  
Kenneth C. Bass III  
Marvin C. Guthrie

\*Admitted only in Maryland  
\*Admitted only in Virginia  
\*Practice Limited to  
Federal Agencies

April 4, 2007

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:

(202) 772-8834

INTERNET ADDRESS:

BHAANES@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit 1645

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/677,752; Filed: October 2, 2000  
For: **Chlamydia Protein, Gene Sequence and Uses Thereof**  
Inventor: W. James JACKSON  
Our Ref: 2479.0050000/EJH/C-K

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Elizabeth J. Haanes, Ph.D.

Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 42,613

EJH/C-K:cpn  
Enclosures  
660551\_1.DOC



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

W. James JACKSON

Appl. No.: 09/677,752

Filed: October 2, 2000

For: **Chlamydia Protein, Gene  
Sequence and Uses Thereof**

Confirmation No.: 5261

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Ford, Vanessa L.

Atty. Docket: 2479.0050000/EJH/C-K

**Reply to Notice of a Non-Responsive Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment dated March 5, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that this Notice of Non-responsive Amendment is erroneous and that the Examiner acknowledged that this Notice is erroneous.

The Examiner alleged in the Notice that Applicant elected ten sequences in response to the Examiner's request to elect one species of sequence.

Applicants attempted to discuss the Notice with Examiner Ford on March 26, 2007 by phone, and the Examiner telephoned the undersigned back on March 27, 2007. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview with the undersigned.

During the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that this Notice was issued in error and that the Reply filed on December 29, 2006 in response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed on December 1, 2006 overcame the Examiner's objection.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Elizabeth J. Haanes, Ph.D.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 42,613

Date: April 4, 2007

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934  
(202) 371-2600  
659802\_1.DOC